ESI and EPF dues of defaulting Establishments

4332. SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE:
SHRI NILOTPAL BASU:

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) the total outstanding dues of ESI and EPF of the defaulting establishments as on 31st March, 1997;

(b) total outstanding dues as above of defaulting establishments registered with BIFR; and

(c) the action taken by ESI and EPF authorities to recover the dues mentioned in parts (a) and (b) above?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) and (b) According to available information, the details are as given below:—

(Rs. in crore)

	Dues outstanding against defaulting establishments	Dues outstanding against defaulting establishments registered with BIFR
EPF dues (as on 31.3.96)	421.40	138.62
ESI dues (as on 30.9.96)	298.35	105.68

(c) Necessary legal and penal action as provided under Section 7A, 8, 14 & 14B of the EPF & MP Act and Section 85 of the ESI Act and where necessary under section 406/409 of the IPC is taken to recover the EPF & ESI dues. Action against EPF & ESI defaulting establishments registered with BIFR is taken after prior permission of BIFR.

Verification of Membership of Trade Unions of Port and Dock Workers

4333. SHRI RAHASBIHARI BARIK: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether verification of membership of Trade Unions for the year 1994 of Port and Dock Workers in the 11 major ports and federations of all the major ports have been carried out;

(b) if so, the details of verification of membership of each of the Trade Unions alongwith the names of the ports and the All India Federation to which the Unions are affiliated;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) by when it is to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) and

(c) and (d) The verification in Paradeep Port could not be carried out due to court order for maintaining status-quo by the sub-judge of Jagatsinghpur.

The verification of membership of unions in Calcutta, Mumbai & Kandla Ports are in progress.

(b) Yes Sir, the verification of membership of unions operating in 7 major ports for the year ending 1994 has been completed. The report is annexed as Statement (*See* below).